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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 118

Introduced by Assembly Member Dutra

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aanestad, Ackerman, Alquist, Aroner, Ashburn, Baldwin, Bates, Battin, Baugh, Bock, Brewer, Briggs, Campbell, Cardenas, Cedillo, Corbett, Cox, Cunneen, Dickerson, Ducheny, Firebaugh, Frusetta, Gallegos, Havice, Honda, House, Kaloogian, Keeley, Leach, Lempert, Leonard, Longville, Lowenthal, Machado, Maddox, Maldonado, Margett, Mazzoni, McClintock, Migden, Nakano, Olberg, Oller, Robert Pacheco, Rod Pacheco, Papan, Pescetti, Reyes, Runner, Scott, Soto, Steinberg, Strickland, Strom-Martin, Thompson, Thomson, Torlakson, Vincent, Villaraigosa, Wayne, Wesson, Wiggins, Wildman, and Zettel)

(Coauthor: Senator Figueroa)

February 3, 2000

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to vandalism and graffiti.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, as introduced, Dutra. Vandalism and graffiti.

This measure would state that the Legislature sends its support and condolences to Congregation Beth Torah, the students, faculty and administration of Washington High School, and the community of Fremont for the acts of vandalism and antiSemitic and racist graffiti on their

properties. This measure would also state that the Legislature denounces these acts and resolves to combat hatred, promote unity, and assist in bringing those responsible for these crimes to justice.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Jewish community have
2 played a strong and vital role in the history and
3 development of the Bay area, its cultural diversity, and
4 strong sense of place and community; and

5 WHEREAS, The Temple Beth Torah in the City of
6 Fremont was defaced and vandalized with antiSemitic
7 and racist graffiti; and

8 WHEREAS, The graffiti was found at the synagogue
9 first thing on Monday morning, January 31, 2000; and

10 WHEREAS, Similar graffiti and vandalism was found
11 spray-painted at Washington High School in the City of
12 Fremont four miles away from Temple Beth Torah the
13 same morning; and

14 WHEREAS, An act against one house of worship is an
15 act of violence against all houses of worship; and

16 WHEREAS, An act against one part of our community
17 is an act of violence against the entire community; and

18 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon each of us to do
19 everything possible to combat hatred and intolerance
20 whenever and wherever it occurs; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
22 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the
23 State of California sends support and heartfelt
24 condolences to Congregation Beth Torah; and be it
25 further

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
27 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the
28 State of California sends support to the students, faculty,
29 and administration of Washington High School and the
30 entire community of Fremont; and be it further

31 *Resolved,* That the Legislature denounces these
32 cowardly criminal acts and resolves to do everything
33 possible as representatives of California to combat hatred,

- 1 promote unity, and assist in bringing those responsible for
- 2 these heinous crimes to justice.

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